

convenience and necessity. If a motion for leave to intervene is timely filed, or if the Commission on its own motion believes that a formal hearing is required, further notice of such hearing will be duly given.

Under the procedure herein provided for, unless otherwise advised, it will be unnecessary for Maritimes to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP99-161-000]

Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America; Notice of Application

January 28, 1999.

Take notice that on January 19, 1999, Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America (Natural), 747 East 22nd Street, Lombard, Illinois 60148, filed in Docket No. CP99-161-000 an application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act, for permission and approval to abandon by sale to MidCon Gas Products Corp. (MGP), a non-jurisdictional gathering affiliate, certain certificated facilities located in Carson, Gray, Hutchinson, Moore and Roberts Counties, Texas, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Natural states that the facilities for which it is seeking abandonment authority are located in two separate gathering areas—the Panhandle Gathering Area and the Quinduno Gathering Area. Natural states that it requests permission to abandon from the Panhandle Gathering Area, nine compressor units located at Compressor Station 112 in Moore County, Texas, totaling 11,250 horsepower; and Booster Stations 52 and 53, both located in Carson County, Texas, each housing one 660 horsepower compressor unit, for a total of 1,320 horsepower. Also, Natural states that it requests permission to abandon from the Quinduno Gathering Area, 37 miles of pipe ranging from 6-inches to 16-inches in diameter, six compressor units at Booster Station 149 and twelve wellhead meters.

Natural states that all of the facilities, included certificated and non-certificated facilities, in the Panhandle Gathering Area and the Quinduno Gathering Area comprise Natural's West Panhandle Gathering System (WPGS).

Natural states that the WPGS consists of 527 miles of pipe (main trunklines and laterals) ranging in diameter from 2 inches to 24 inches, compression, field booster stations, meters, taps and appurtenant facilities. It is stated that due to the fact that Natural no longer provides a bundled sales service, there is no need for Natural to purchase gas along the WPGS for its system supply. Therefore, Natural is seeking in the subject filing, to abandon by sale to MGP, the certificated laterals, compression, field booster stations and associated meters and equipment that are located in the WPGS.

Natural states that it intends to transfer the entire WPGS to MGP. In addition, Natural states that it will sell the WPGS to MGP at its net book value. Natural states that as of September 30, 1998, the net book value of the certificated facilities was \$0 and the net book value of the non-certificated facilities was \$7.6 million.

Natural states that there is one firm transportation agreement under Rate Schedule FTS with a primary receipt point in the WPGS that will need to be terminated in connected with the proposed sale to MGP. Natural states that the shipper is KN Marketing, Inc. (KNM), an affiliate of Natural. Natural further states that it has been transporting up to 70,000 MMBtu per day for KNM under the agreement and will continue to provide such service until the facilities are transferred to MGP, at which time, MGP has agreed to provide the service for KNM.

Natural requests that the order state that the facilities in the WPGS that are being abandoned will be exempt from the Commission's jurisdiction after such facilities are transferred to MGP and operated by MGP as a non-jurisdictional gathering system.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before February 18, 1999, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.10). All protests filed with the Commission will be considered by it in determining the appropriate action to be taken but will not serve to make the protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party to a proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules.

Take further notice that, pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to the jurisdiction conferred upon the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission by Sections 7 and 15 of the Natural Gas Act and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, a hearing will be held without further notice before the Commission or its designee on this application if no motion to intervene is filed within the time required herein, if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that permission and approval for the proposed abandonment are required by the public convenience and necessity. If a motion for leave to intervene is timely filed, or if the Commission on its own motion believes that a formal hearing is required, further notice of such hearing will be duly given.

Under the procedure herein provided for, unless otherwise advised, it will be unnecessary for Natural to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER99-1459-000]

Northeast Utilities Service Company; Notice of Filing

January 27, 1999.

Take notice that on January 19, 1999, Northeast Utilities Service Company (NUSCO), tendered for filing, its response to the Commission's December 16, 1998, Order regarding the North American Electric Reliability Council Transmission Loading Relief (TLR) Procedures.

NUSCO states that because it has been informed by the New England Power Pool that the TLR Procedures would not apply to the NEPOOL Control area, the Northeast Utilities System Companies are not adopting the TLR Procedures.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 18 CFR 385.214). All such motions and protests should be filed on or before February 8, 1999. Protests will be considered by the Commission to determine the appropriate action to be